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Please send any amateur satellite news or reports to:
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Fox-1Cliff and Fox-1D Schedule Under Review

As a consequence of the anomaly during the static fire test of the SpaceX Falcon
9 on September 1, 2016, the planned integration of Fox-1Cliff and Fox-1D on the
Spaceflight SHERPA has been postponed. AMSAT will provide updates regarding the
schedule for Fox-1Cliff and Fox-1D activities when further information is available.

[ANS thanks Jerry, N0JY, for the above information]

ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference Presentations

The ARRL/TAPR DCC (Digital Communications Conference) will be held in St. Petersburg, FL September 16 - 18, 2016.

Saturday Night Banquet Speaker will be Brennan Price, N4QX, ARRL CTO (Chief

Technology Officer) speaking on the topic "New Frontiers in Wireless: Challenges
to and Opportunities for Amateur Radio"

Sunday Seminar will be conducted by Michelle Thompson, W5NYV with Bob McGwier,
N4HY, Chief Scientist, Hume Center for National Security and Technology as a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering as well as Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. Sunday's Seminar topic will be, "Spectrum (It's the frequency crunch for real)"

The DCC Technical Forum Schedule is being finalized, however a couple times slots may be available. If you would like to present a Technical Topic at the
DCC, but haven't submitted a technical paper in advance please email the TAPR
Office at: taproffice(a)tapr.org with the topic of your presentation.

More information is available at
http://www.tapr.org/dcc

[ANS thanks TAPR and ARRL for the above information]

AMSAT Area Coordinators List On-Line

Are you an AMSAT Area Coordinator? Are you looking for an AMSAT Area Coordinator? Would you like to become an AMSAT Area Coordinator?

If you answered yes any of these questions, then we are ready to help you. I have just placed (with the list maintained by Patrick, WD9EWK) the current list of AMSAT Area Coordinators on the amsat.org webpage. You can peruse it at your leisure and if you find someone close to you that you would like to get some help from, you can drop that Area Coordinator an email at his callsign @ amsat.org

If you see a need for a correction or addition, please drop an email to Patrick, WD9EWK, at his amsat.org email address.

Oh, where can you actually find the list? http://www.amsat.org then click on AMSAT in the menu bar and you will see Area Coordinators.

[ANS thanks AMSAT Director of Field Operations Patrick Stoddard, WD9EWK, and Bruce Paige, KK5DO for the above information]

Aves Island update

Steve, W4DTA/YV5DTA, sent out the following 'Official Press-Release' on August
24th: The Amateur Radio Association of Venezuela, Sectional "Santiago de Leon de
Caracas" regrets to inform the entire amateur radio community of Venezuela and
the world, that the Bolivarian Armada of Venezuela has notified us that for reasons outside of the DXpedition team control that the expedition to Aves Island to be held in commemoration of Navy Day 2016, by the end of this August

and early September has been put on hold until further notice.

Then later in the day Steve sent out: "YX0V is very thankful for all of the donations, emails, and calls received regarding the operation. They are still
working hard, and the team is ready to go when the Navy says go. At the moment
weather is a big factor at the moment with two tropical storms near YV0.

[ANS thanks Steve, W4DTA/YV5DTA and Southgate ARN for the above information]

Canadian Satellite Grid Expedition

GRID EXPEDITION TO EO91 (Moosonee, ON). Ken, VE3HLS, announced a Grid EX-pedition to Moosonee, ON, Canada, which is in EO91. He will be arriving early afternoon on Friday, September 23rd, and leaving late afternoon Monday, September 26th. That gives him four days to put EO91 on the air via the Satellite. Moosonee is a Cree village located on the Moose River, which empties into James Bay, about 15 km downstream. By land, Moosonee is only accessible by train; The Polar Bear Express that runs from Cochrane, ON. It's also accessible by air at much greater expense. He will be driving to Cochrane and taking a few days to get there which will enable him to activate other grids along the way, such as FN06, FN07, FN08, EN98 and EN99. Look for updates on his Twitter page at: https://twitter.com/@VE3HLS

[ANS thanks Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin #1280 for the above information]

Multiple Satellite Grid Activations

Between 5 September and 11 September Bob Liddy, K8BL, travel from Ohio north to
Sault St. Marie and make a loop through the following Grids:
EN76/86/87/88/98/99/89/79/78/77

Operation will be on FO29, SO50 and AO7. Bob reports that he may check out a
couple XW's before he leaves to see if he can work them as well. On linear satellites Bob can usually be found about 15 KHz up from center.

[ANS thanks Bob, K8BL, for the above information]

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In addition to regular membership, AMSAT offers membership in the President's Club. Members of the President's Club, as sustaining donors to AMSAT Project Funds, will be eligible to receive addi-tional benefits. Application forms are available from the AMSAT Office.

Primary and secondary school students are eligible for membership at one-half the standard yearly rate. Post-secondary school students enrolled in at least half time status shall be eligible for the stu-dent rate for a maximum of 6 post-secondary years in this status. Contact Martha at the AMSAT Office for additional student membership information.

73,
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